

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1.-8. (Cancelled).
9. (Original) A process for producing a highly pure crystal of 2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-carbaldehyde which comprises
reacting 2'-cyanobiphenyl-4-carbaldehyde with a salt of azide,
obtaining a crystal of 2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-carbaldehyde,
dissolving said crystal obtained and
recrystallizing a highly pure crystal in tetrahydrofuran.
10. (Original) A process for purifying a crystal of 2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-carbaldehyde which comprises
dissolving a crude crystal of 2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-carbaldehyde containing 2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid, and
recrystallizing a highly pure crystal of 2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-carbaldehyde
substantially containing no 2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid in tetrahydrofuran.
- 11.-12. (Cancelled).
13. (New) The process according to claim 9, wherein the salt of azide is an azide of organic base.
14. (New) The process according to claim 13, wherein the azide of organic base is the one prepared by an azide of inorganic base and a salt of organic base in the reaction system.
15. (New) The process according to claim 9, wherein 2'-cyanobiphenyl-4-carbaldehyde is obtained by reacting 2'-cyano-4-(bromomethyl)biphenyl and/or 2'-cyano-4-(dibromomethyl)biphenyl with hexamethylenetetramine, acetic acid and water, and 2'-cyano-4-

(bromomethyl)biphenyl and/or 2'-cyano-4-(dibromomethyl)biphenyl is obtained by brominating 2'-cyano-4-methylbiphenyl.

16. (New) The process according to claim 9, wherein the bromination is conducted by bromine in the presence of a radical initiator and an oxidizer.

17. (New) The process according to claim 9, wherein the reaction of 2'-cyanobiphenyl-4-carbaldehyde with the salt of azide is conducted in a solvent.

18. (New) The process according to claim 10, wherein the crude crystal of 2'-(1 H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-carbaldehyde is obtained by a reaction of 2'-cyanobiphenyl-4-carbaldehyde with a salt of azide.

19. (New) The process according to claim 18, wherein the salt of azide is an azide of organic base.